



MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICIALS UPDATE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm the number of ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 has increased to 521 today. That number includes 58 hospitalizations. 278 people have fully recovered. The number of total positive cases has increased 19 since Friday to 817.

We would also like to announce a new partner in our MCHD/MCPHD COVID-19 testing voucher program. Those who wish to be tested can do so at a new location starting today. Woodlands Functional Family Medicine is located at 8000 McBeth Way, Suite 190 in The Woodlands. Residents will have to make an appointment at this location and Lone Star Family Health Center. Appointments are NOT required at America's ER. See below for more information on testing sites.

We would like to highlight some key points of the program:

- Vouchers are only for Montgomery County residents.
- You may only receive 1 test through the voucher program.
- Obtain vouchers by calling 936-523-5040, M-F 8:00am-4:30pm.
- Vouchers, if unused, expire in 5 days.
- The testing site is solely responsible for notifying you of results.

Test locations for those **with symptoms** include:

America's ER Drive-Thru Testing Site @ Woods Edge Community Church
25333 Gosling Rd.
Spring, TX 77389

Lone Star Family Health Center
605 S. Conroe Medical Dr.
Conroe, TX 77304

Woodlands Functional Family Medicine
8000 McBeth Way, Suite 190
The Woodlands, TX 77382

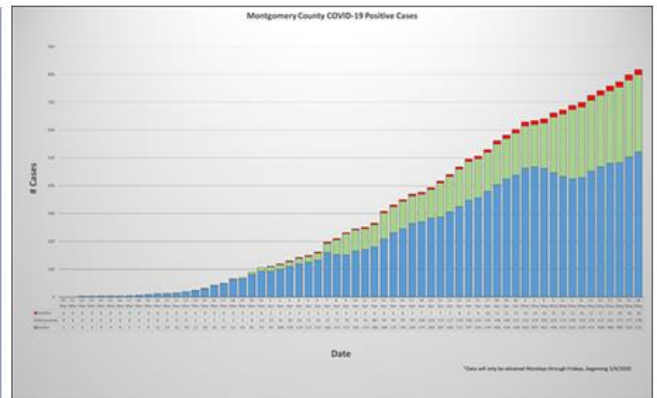
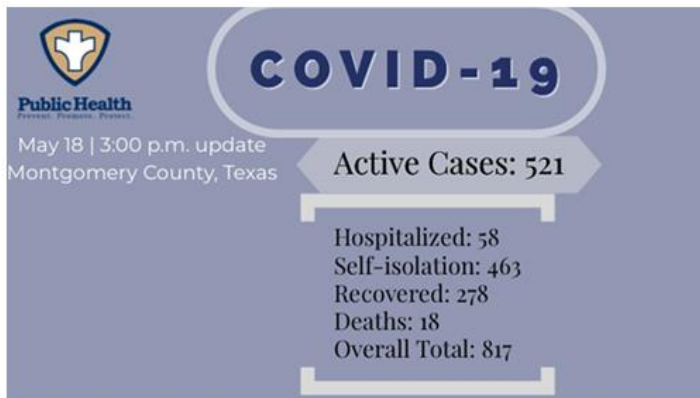
Test location for those **without symptoms**:

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For questions, please call 936-523-5040.

As previously mentioned, reporting results have merged and will only be reported on the following dashboard here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.



Testing is available at the drive-thru COVID-19 test site in the Walmart parking lot to anyone who meets the CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested. You must be in a car to be tested, no walk-ups will be seen and there is no testing in Walmart stores. Visit www.DoINeedCOVID19test.com to see if you are eligible to be tested.

Three COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites are now open in Montgomery County at Walmart locations provided below. These sites are supported by Walmart, eTrueNorth and state and local officials to test anyone who meets CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested, including first responders, health care providers and others with symptoms of COVID-19 and those in high risk groups without symptoms. Those interested in being tested need to visit www.DoINeedCOVID19test.com to see if eligible for testing and to make an appointment.

- 20310 US 59, New Caney, TX 77357
- 18700 Highway 105 W., Conroe, TX 77356
- 1025 Sawdust Rd., Spring, TX 77380

“Walmart is part of the community, and we are proud to help support the expansion of COVID-19 testing in Montgomery County during this unprecedented time,” said Laurie Smalling Letts, Walmart Public Affairs Director for Texas. “We are grateful to our associates who keep our stores running, our pharmacists who support these testing sites, and to eTrueNorth and local officials as we work together to open the site and help our community.”

Details on the COVID-19 testing sites:

- The sites are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays weekly 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., weather permitting.
- **Appointments must be made through eTrueNorth’s online portal at www.DoiNeedaCOVID19test.com**, which will screen individuals to ensure they meet CDC eligibility for testing.
- For questions regarding testing, call 800-635-8611.
- Those being tested will need to wear a mask and stay in their cars for verification of eligibility criteria, ID check and self-administered test. For the safety of all those on-site, the testing sites are not available to those who walk up.
- The sites will use a self-administered nasal swab test that will allow those being tested to swab their own nose onsite while in their vehicles, observed by a trained medical volunteer to ensure the sample is taken correctly, and then dropped in the sealed sample into a container on their way out of the drive-through site.
- eTrueNorth will handle processing test samples and communicating results to those tested and applicable Departments of Health.
- The site will be staffed by Walmart healthcare professionals
- Please note, testing is not available inside Walmart stores, they will be conducted in the parking lots of the locations listed ONLY.
- While individuals who are tested are awaiting results, please follow [CDC guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/) and take steps to help prevent the virus from spreading to people in your home and community.

For everyone’s safety and for the privacy of those being tested, media should not attempt to enter the testing site and stay in the designated media area.

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